

VA Mobile Health Provider Program Hits 3600 Mobile Devices

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With this week's stops at Martinsburg, WV VA Medical Center and the New Mexico VA Health Care System, the VA Mobile Health Provider Program hit a significant milestone of deploying more than 3600 mobile devices to providers and health care teams at now 8 VA facilities across the country.

The program, which began deploying mobile devices in February 2014, has already deployed to 8 facilities across the country—from Washington, DC to Seattle, WA and from Miami, FL to St. Cloud, MN. Over the course of the next few months, the program will deploy to up to eight more facilities bringing the total number of sites to receive mobile devices to 18.

The program aims to equip providers and care teams with mobile technology to enhance patient care. It's a joint effort between VA's Office of Information and Technology (OIT), and the Veterans Health Administration Office of Informatics and Analytics' Connected Health Office.

Initially, mobile devices included VA email, a VA App Store with commercial mobile health apps that have passed VA security reviews, and VPN capabilities to access information in the medical center as well as off-site. In the second phase of the program, beginning in the third quarter of FY 2014, newly VA-developed apps will be made available for download in the VA App Store.

Providers are already using their devices in a variety of ways to improve health care delivery. For example, a provider in Orlando regularly uses her device as a patient education tool to display medical images that help patients' understand medical options. Another [provider in Washington, DC](#) uses his device outside of the hospital to read preliminary views of patient scans. And, that's just the beginning! There are countless other ways that providers across the country are utilizing and will continue to evolve this new tool to deliver better care to Veterans.

For more information, visit www.mobilehealth.va.gov/providers.

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